



Winter 2026 Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSIs) for Student Leaders Nomination Form [🔗](#)

* Required

* Please fill your name

Select the SUSIs Bundle: *

- ☐ SUSIs for Global Student Leaders (Meridian)
- ☐ SUSIs for Student Leaders from the Western Hemisphere (Institute for Training and Development)

SUSIs for Student Leaders from the Western Hemisphere

Select the Theme of the SUSI (Student Leaders from the Western Hemisphere): *

- ☐ Winter - Entrepreneurship and Economic Development - Institute for Training and Development

Does the candidate demonstrate evidence of English fluency? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please indicate the level of their English language fluency and if the interview was in person, over the phone, or through virtual conferencing (Zoom, Skype, Teams). *

Is this a Principal or Alternate Candidate? *

- ☐ Principal
- ☐ Candidate

Candidate Rank: *

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY:

Please confirm that the candidate meets the following eligibility criteria:

- interest in the Institute theme;
- between 18 and 25 years of age at the time of the Institute;
- have at least one semester left of their undergraduate studies after their completion of the Institute (example: If the Institute takes place in the summer, the participant should be enrolled for the fall semester following the program);
- is not an employee or immediate family member of employees of the U.S. Government (including a U.S. Embassy or Consulate, or other U.S. Government entity) or Fulbright commission.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other

SECTION A: CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Please provide information exactly as it appears in the candidate's passport.

Surname (Last Name): *

Given Name(s): *

Sex: *

☐ Female

☐ Male

Date of Birth: *

City of Birth: *

Country of Birth:

Primary Citizenship:

Country of Residence:

Secondary Citizenship (if applicable):

Candidate Contact Information:

Street Address: *

City: *

State/Province:

Postal Code:

Country: *

Phone Number: *

Email Address: *

Medical, Physical, Dietary, or other Personal Considerations:

This will not affect a candidate's selection, but it will enable the host institution to make any necessary accommodations

Please indicate if the candidate has a disability. *

☐ None

☐ Blind or Visual

Impairments

☐ Deaf or Hearing

Impairments

☐ Learning Disability

☐ Physical Disability

☐ Psychiatric Disability

☐ Systemic Disability

☐ Other

Please describe any pre-existing medical conditions, prescription medication, dietary restrictions, or personal considerations for the candidate.

Experience in the United States:

Has the applicant traveled to the United States before? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please list any previous travel to the United States for the purposes of tourism/vacation, conferences, educational study, or previous ECA programs. Provide dates/duration, purpose of visit(s), and location(s). (Examples: July 4-14, 2019 - Tourism to Washington, D.C.; December 1-15, 2018 - Short Term Study Abroad to New York City, NY).

Has the applicant previously participated in or been accepted into another U.S. Department of State sponsored program? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please provide the name of the program and the dates. *

Family Residing in the United States (if applicable):

Please include name, relationship to candidate, city, and state. (Example: Jane Doe, sister, Denver, CO).

SECTION B: CANDIDATE BACKGROUND

Year in School: *

- ☐ First-Year Student
- ☐ Completed First Year
- ☐ Completed Second Year
- ☐ Completed Third Year
- ☐ Completed Fourth Year
- ☐ Part-Time Student
- ☐ Postgraduate Student

Expected Date of Graduation: *

Will the candidate have one semester left in their studies after the completion of the SUSI program? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other

Major/Field of Study: *

University: *

Country of University: *

Work History:

Please include employer, position, dates, and location.

Volunteer Experience:

Please include organization, dates, and location.

Memberships in Associations, Clubs, etc.:

Please include organization and dates.

Candidate Personal Statement: *

As part of the SUSI application process, candidates should submit a personal statement about their background and goals. In up to 500 words, the candidate should address the following questions and any other pertinent information:

- What about your background and interests makes you competitive for the SUSI program?
- What will you contribute to the program?
- How will your participation in the SUSI program affect your local community, region, or country?
- How will the SUSI exchange affect you personally or professionally?

Please input the candidate's personal statement below.